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AUTOMATIC EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**MEETING ACCOUNT
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2002**

Committee Goal: To provide a means of communication between the Office of the State Fire Marshal, representatives of industry, the public and the fire service; and to seek comments and specific views on proposed regulations and intended future action.

Meeting Attendees

Mike Richwine, Division Chief, Chair
Pat Sanchez, Vice Chairperson
Mike Waldron, Program Coordinator
Yevonne Costa, Program Assistant
Massoud Araghi, So Cal Fire Prevention Officers
Bruce LeCair, Nor Cal Fire Prevention Officers
Fred J. Benn, Sprinkler Contractor AFSA/NFSA
Wayne M. Martin, Fire Sprinkler Advisory Boards of California
Barry Sigal, Manufacturer's Representative
James M. Feld, Fire Protection Engineers - SFPE
Jaymae Wentker, Nor Cal Fire Prevention Officers

Members Absent

Sam Husoe, NFSA
Stephen D. Hart, Committee Historian/Consultant
Michael Finn, State of California – Health Services
Vern Losh, Rural – Special Districts/Fire Districts
Robert E. Raymer, California Building Industry Association BIA/CBIA
Anton James Wozab, Fire Sprinkler Industry Design – So Cal
Eric Price, Fire Sprinkler Industry Design – Nor Cal
Ron Ricketts, Fire Sprinkler Contractors – AFSA/NFSA

Guests

Rodney Slaughter, State Fire Marshal's Office, Code Development and Analysis
Susan Kingren, State Fire Marshal's Office, CFIRS/NFIRS Program
Chris Gilbert, Simplex Grinnell
Darrell Harguth, Brooks Equipment
Jim McLaughlin, Lund Pearson McLaughlin Fire Protection Systems

Opening Remarks

Division Chief, Mike Richwine called the meeting to order at 10:05 am at the OSFM's Headquarters conference room in Sacramento.

Chief Richwine asked for additions or corrections and approval of the Minutes of the May 1, 2002 meeting. Member Benn asked that the Minutes be revised to show a change to the NFPA 13D portion of the minutes.

It was moved by Chairperson Richwine that the May 1, 2002 minutes be amended to reflect that member Benn had written authorization from Chief Carmack to speak at the NFPA Technical Meeting on behalf of the California State Fire Marshal's Automatic Extinguishing Systems Advisory Committee. Seconded by Member Gilbert to approve the Minutes as corrected, motion carried unanimously.

Title 19 Rulemaking Process

Rodney Slaughter gave a presentation on the Title 19 Rulemaking Process; it was very informative and gave the committee a clearer view of how this process works and the time lines involved. He spoke about the importance of this process and our ability to help make change in the industry.

Water Purveyor Connection Fees

Member Raymer spoke about the information the subcommittee has collected regarding the water purveyor connection fees. Apparently this is not regulated and fees seem to be varying greatly through the various jurisdictions. Member Hart is currently compiling data that will be shared with the committee at a later date. This is an ongoing issue.

Successful Sprinkler Activation (CFIRS/NFIRS)

Susan Kingren spoke about the sprinkler effectiveness information that is captured through CFIRS data. Susan gave a brief overview of statewide changeover from the current state collection tool (CFIRS) to national collection tool (NFIRS) for capturing fire statistics data. Susan discussed with the committee the meanings of the various fields regarding sprinkler effectiveness. It was decided that there is a need to connect all of the advisory committee's with the ongoing changes relating to the collection of fire statistics.

Committee Membership

Terms are set to expire on December 31, 2002, however that may be extended. The focus of this committee needs to be addressed; a goal statement needs to be defined. Membership roster needs to be re-evaluated as well.

Action Item: Goal statement needed for this committee.

NFPA 13D/Multipurpose Residential Sprinkler System Issues

Item was discussed, however it was tabled until the next meeting. Sub-committee will continue collecting information and give recommendations at a later date.

Sprinkler Maintenance Guide

Information was last printed in December 1995. Committee would like to know what has changed regarding information since last printing. Guide is geared towards the homeowner to give general information regarding residential life safety. Sub committee will bring recommendations for changes as well as recommended funding sources for printing.

Open Forum

Water discharge issues have arisen, anytime water is dumped out into the roadways, there is the possibility of being hit with penalties/fines. Chlorinated water is getting into the water flow which causes contamination to the natural waterways, it is starting to effect more jurisdictions.

Next meeting was tentatively scheduled for January 08,2003 from 10 am to 2pm at the State Fire Marshal's headquarters conference room in Sacramento.

Set Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was tentatively set for 10 a.m. Wednesday, January 8, 2003 at the State Fire Marshal's headquarters conference room in Sacramento. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.